



# The Branchline

*"I am the vine, you are the branches."*

## May 2026

*From the Pastor's Desk....*



*"And now faith, hope and love abide, these three; and the great of these is love."*

**1 Corinthians 13:13**

Dear People of Wilbraham United Church,

This will be my final newsletter to you, for I will conclude my ministry with you on June 14, 2026. I want you to know that the three years that I have spent as your Interim minister have been the most joyous and spiritually fulfilling for me. You are a wonderful community of faith and I have truly treasured the time that I have spent here. In the years that I have been your minister, I have witnessed such a myriad of Christ-like work within this community; the way that you give of yourselves to others, the way in which you support a variety of missions and events, the way that you come together to serve one another, the way that you love...

I know that you will continue to do amazing things in your community and for the larger community.

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From the Pastor's Desk (continued)

I must confess that it is really hard for me to leave you, but we all know that our lives are continually filled with motion and change. That's what makes our Christian journey so rich. We also never know what awaits us around the next corner of life, but as Christ's people we are called to believe that what awaits us involves God's presence and love. We can be sustained by the knowledge that we are indeed guided and fortified by the Divine One in our midst.

Please know that you will always hold a warm and cherished place within my heart. I will truly miss you. Moreover, let us remember that whatever we do and wherever we may find ourselves can be a tremendous blessing, because God is with us and God is still speaking.

Blessings and love,

Rev. Janet V. Sandquist-Skagerlind





## Hello! from the Music Room

May/June is speeding along! We're rapidly coming to the end of Choir(s) Season. We are glad to welcome Karen G to Bell Choir and McKenna C to Chancel Choir. It's great to have them with us.

The Merrimack Valley Ringers will travel to Wilbraham United Church on Saturday, May 30. The afternoon is going to be busy with a variety of workshops for ringers at various levels of comfortable playing skills .... beginners to those looking for some additional challenge in how they approach the art of bell ringing. There will be a potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall served at 5:30 for all visitors, the MVR group, those who have been part of the afternoon workshops and anyone coming for the 7PM concert. All are welcome to the meal – no signup necessary. A meal component to share (appetizer; main dish; salad; or dessert) would be helpful and appreciated!

Junior Choir is picking up momentum. Numbers vary just like springtime temperatures. We have two dates for these singers to join our worship service: May 24 (big day – Pentecost/Memorial Day weekend), and June 7th for Celebration Sunday. We will be rehearsing each Sunday following the worship service (in the Music Room). We look forward to those get-togethers!

### **JUNIOR CHOIR DATES and times:**

**Sunday, May 17, 24, 31 11:15ish – immediately following worship**

**Music Room**

**Brief Rehearsals, 15-20 minutes**

**Singing: May 24th and June 7th**

Chancel Choir is working on a wide variety of music this spring. The anthem last Sunday was an arrangement of a familiar hymn (The King of Love My Shepherd Is). It was challenging with unfamiliar harmonic alterations happening throughout the piece whilst the piano was doing its own thing, being a stand-in for the orchestra. They aced it! More exciting and thoughtful tunes coming before the season ends.

Savor the days of Spring!

Soli Deo Gloria,

Bobbie



Easter



*Wilbraham United Church*

# **Arts and Crafts Fair**

**June 6, 2026  
9AM - 3PM**

## **Volunteers Needed**

- Bake Sale
- Vendor assistance
- Raffle
- Refreshments

See Deb with  
questions

The July Branchline Deadline is June 25. Please  
submit items of note to  
[admin@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org](mailto:admin@wilbrahamunitedchurch.org)



**All Church Multi-Family**

# **Tag Sale**

**Saturday - May 16**

**8 am - 2 pm**

**Parking & entrance in rear**

500 Main Street Wilbraham - Fellowship Hall



**Friends from the church joined the Town clean up day on May 2<sup>nd</sup>**



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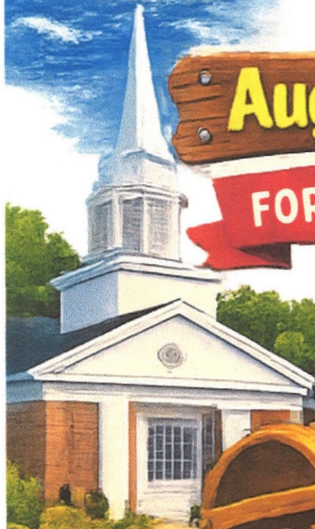
Vacation Bible Camp

# Anchor's Aweigh!



August 3-7 • 9AM - 12PM

FOR KIDS AGES 4 THROUGH 5TH GRADE!





# Our Church School



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

**250**  
years  
ANNIVERSARY

Merrimack  
Valley Ringers  
MVR

**LET FREEDOM RING!**

*Celebrating 250 Years Of Our Nation*

**SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2026**

**Wilbraham United Church**

Workshop – 12 noon-4:15 pm / Concert – 7:00 pm

500 Main Street • Wilbraham, MA



# Service Project and Pancakes



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship 11:15am - Junior Choir 5pm - Al- Anon -YR	10am - Piece Makers 6:30pm - Search	2pm - Bible Study (ZR)	11am - Staff Meeting 6pm - WUP (FH) 6:30pm - Scouts 7pm - Phys Ops (ZR)	6:30pm - AL-Anon (YR) 7pm - Bell Choir (Sanc) 8pm - Chancel Choir	4:30pm - Girl Scouts (TS)	1pm - WUP (FH)
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship 11:15am - Junior Choir 5pm - Al- Anon -YR	10am - Piece Makers 7pm - WUP Board (FH)	8:30am - Men's Breakfast 2pm - Bible Study (ZR)	11am - Staff Meeting 6:30pm - Scouts	10:30am - Fellowship 5pm - set up tag sale 6:30pm - AL-Anon (YR) 7pm - Bell Choir (Sanc) 8pm - Chancel Choir	10am - Funeral	
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10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship 5pm - Al- Anon -YR	10am - Piece Makers 6:30pm - Deacons (ZR) 7pm - Church Council (ZR)	9am - Loaves and Fishes 11:30am - Woman's 2pm - Bible Study (ZR) 7pm - WUP (FH)	11am - Staff Meeting 1pm - Called to Care (lib) 6:30pm - Scouts 6:30pm - Search Comm 7pm - WUP (FH)	9:20am - Loaves and 6:30pm - AL-Anon (YR) 7pm - Bell Choir (Sanc) 8pm - Chancel Choir		WUC Tag Sale (FH)
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10am - Worship 11am - Fellowship 1:30pm - WUP (FH) 5pm - Al- Anon -YR						

## Daily Lectionary Scripture References – May 2026 (Year A)

### **Fri., May 1**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
Exodus 3:1-12  
Acts 7:1-16

### **Sat., May 2**

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
Jeremiah 26:20-24  
John 8:48-59

### **Sun., May 3**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

### **Mon., May 4**

Psalm 102:1-17  
Exodus 13:17-22  
Acts 7:17-40

### **Tues., May 5**

Psalm 102:1-17  
Proverbs 3:5-12  
Acts 7:44-56

### **Wed., May 6**

Psalm 102:1-17  
Proverbs 3:13-18  
John 8:31-38

### **Thurs., May 7**

Psalm 66:8-20  
Genesis 6:5-22  
Acts 27:1-12

### **Fri., May 8**

Psalm 66:8-20  
Genesis 7:1-24  
Acts 27:13-38

### **Sat., May 9**

Psalm 66:8-20  
Genesis 8:13-19  
John 14:27-29

### **Sun., May 10**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:8-20  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

### **Mon., May 11**

Psalm 93  
Genesis 9:8-17  
Acts 27:39-44

### **Tues., May 12**

Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 5:22-33  
1 Peter 3:8-12

### **Wed., May 13**

Psalm 93  
Deuteronomy 31:1-13  
John 16:16-24

### **Thurs., May 14**

*Ascension Day*  
Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47 or Psalm 93  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

### **Fri., May 15**

Psalm 93  
2 Kings 2:1-12  
Ephesians 2:1-7

### **Sat., May 16**

Psalm 93  
2 Kings 2:13-15  
John 8:21-30

### **Sun., May 17**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

### **Mon., May 18**

Psalm 99  
Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24  
1 Peter 4:1-6

### **Tues., May 19**

Psalm 99  
Numbers 16:41-50  
1 Peter 4:7-11

### **Wed., May 20**

Psalm 99  
1 Kings 8:54-65  
John 3:31-36

### **Thurs., May 21**

Psalm 33:12-22  
Exodus 19:1-9a  
Acts 2:1-11

### **Fri., May 22**

Psalm 33:12-22  
Exodus 19:16-25  
Romans 8:14-17

### **Sat., May 23**

Psalm 33:12-22  
Exodus 20:1-21  
Matthew 5:1-12

### **Sun., May 24**

*Pentecost*  
Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers  
11:24-30  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or  
Acts 2:1-21  
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-  
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### **Mon., May 25**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Joel 2:18-29  
Romans 8:18-24

### **Tues., May 26**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29  
Romans 8:26-27

### **Wed., May 27**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Numbers 11:24-30  
John 7:37-39

### **Thurs., May 28**

Psalm 8  
Job 38:1-11  
2 Timothy 1:8-12a

### **Fri., May 29**

Psalm 8  
Job 38:12-21  
2 Timothy 1:12b-14

### **Sat., May 30**

Psalm 8  
Job 38:22-38  
John 14:15-17

### **Sun., May 31**

*Trinity Sunday*  
Genesis 1:1—2:4a  
Psalm 8  
2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
Matthew 28:16-20